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Express Mail No.: EL674750325US
Attorney Docket No.: 2002470-0003
Date Filed: April 17, 2001

UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(for new nonprovisional applications under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b))

Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed a patent application and papers as follows for:

Inventor(s):

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Title of the Invention: Handle Configuration for Brush Production by Fusion

A) APPLICATION ELEMENTS:

- 1) **Fee Transmittal Form** (original and duplicate submitted for fee processing)
- 2) **Applicant Claims Small Entity Status** (see 37 C.F.R. § 1.27)
 - a) Statement Verifying Small Entity Status (optional)

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3) **Specification** TOTAL PAGES: 9

Descriptive Title of the Invention

Cross References to Related Applications (if applicable)

Statement Regarding Federally Sponsored R & D (if applicable)

Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix

Background of the Invention

Summary of the Invention

Description of the Drawing (if filed)

Detailed Description of the Invention

Claim(s)

Abstract of the Invention

4) **Drawing(s)** (35 U.S.C. § 113) TOTAL SHEETS: 3

a) Formal Drawings (if checked)

5) **Oath or Declaration** TOTAL PAGES: _____

a) Newly Executed (original or copy)

b) Copy from a prior application (37 C.F.R. § 1.63(d))-for continuation/divisional application

i) Deletion of inventor(s): Signed Statement deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

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6) **Application Data Sheet**. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.76.

7) **CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)**

8) **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission** (if applicable, all are necessary)

a) Computer Readable Form (CRF)

b) Specification Sequence Listing on:

i) CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or

ii) Paper

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B) ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS:

- 9) **Assignment Papers** (cover sheet & document(s))
- 10) **37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b) Statement** (when there is an assignee)
- 11) **Power of Attorney**
- 12) **English Translation Document** (if applicable)
- 13) **Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449**
- 14) **Copies of IDS Citations**
- 15) **Preliminary Amendment**
- 16) **Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)** (specifically itemized)
- 17) **Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)** (if foreign priority is claimed)
- 18) **OTHER:** (if applicable, specified below)

C) FOR CONTINUING APPLICATIONS: (the appropriate box is checked, and certain information is provided below and in a preliminary amendment)

continuation divisional continuation-in-part (CIP)
of prior application no.: 09/465,209
filed: December 15, 1999
examiner: R. Chin
group/art unit: 1744

for continuation or divisional applications only: The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which an oath or declaration is supplied as detailed above, is considered a part of the disclosure of the accompanying continuation or divisional application and is hereby incorporated by reference.

D.) PRIORITY CLAIM(S):

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) or PCT international application(s) designating the United States of America listed below:

| <u>Application Serial No.</u> | <u>Filing date</u> | <u>Status (patented, pending, abandoned)</u> |
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| 09/465,209 | December 15, 1999 | Pending |

This application claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

| <u>Application Serial No.</u> | <u>Filing date</u> | <u>Status (pending, expired, abandoned)</u> |
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E) METHOD OF PAYMENT OF FILING FEES FOR THIS APPLICATION:

- Applicant claims small entity status 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- A check is enclosed to cover the filing fees.
- The commissioner is hereby authorized to charge filing fees or to credit any overpayment to deposit account number 03-1721.

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| Total Number of Claims in excess of 20: (- 20) x \$18 | \$.00 |
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| Number of Independent Claims in excess of 3:(- 3) x \$80 | \$0.00 |
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